

REMARKS

This is a divisional application of pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/965,068 filed on September 26, 2001, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/134,013 filed on August 14, 1998, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,323,223, and which in turn claims the priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/056,001 filed August 18 1997.

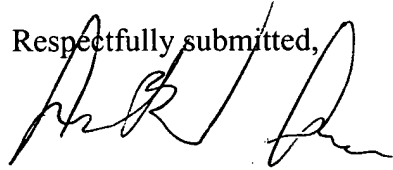
The previously pending claims have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 73-79 are pending in this application. Claims 73-79 represent the previously non-elected subject matter (Group I, claims 73-78 and 90) identified in the *Election/Restriction* of the Office Action mailed January 7, 2003 in the parent case 09/965,068. Claims 73-79 are fully supported by Applicants' disclosure and introduce no new matter.

It is respectfully requested that the above preliminary amendment be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.115; that this application be considered in view of the above amendment and following remarks; and that all of the claims remaining in this application be allowed.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant D. Green', written over the words 'Respectfully submitted,'.

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